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The Kobayashi Auxiliary Tie Hooks are prior art to the present invention with the notable difference when tied to an orthodontic bracket extra wire in the form of a pigtail which must be cut and pushed under the archwire out of harms way. The small loop actually forms the orthodontic hook. The Kobayashi Easy-Tie Ligature Wires are similar with the pigtail portion shortened, but function the same way. The present invention is novel in that there is no cut end and the pigtail becomes the hook, there is no sharp end which requires pushing under the archwire away from the patient's cheek.

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